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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES

REF: HONG KONG, STATE 180677, STATE 181986

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL U MAUNG MAUNG GYEE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED TO SAY THAT THE SHIP AVA WAS STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING FOR THE LANDING OF THE VIETNAMESE IN JAPAN, WHICH PLACED THE BURMESE IN A VERY AWKWARD POSITION AS THE AVA HAD TO DEPART WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS. MAUNG MAUNG GYEE SAID THAT THE GUB HAD INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR U TIN LATT IN WASHINGTON TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION OVER THE UNITED STATES' AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT 39 OF THE VIETNAMESE, BUT ALSO TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE MORE OF THEM.

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2. I TOLD MAUNG MAUNG GYEE THAT WHAT WE HAD SEEN OF THE EXCHANGES SO FAR ON THIS SUBJECT SHOWED THAT WASHINGTON FELT THE USG HAD GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS IT COULD WITHOUT RISKING THE CREATION OF A MOST UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT, AND I ACCORDINGLY DOUBTED THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ANY MORE OF THE AVA'S PASSENGERS. MAUNG MAUNG GYEE THEN REQUESTED THAT WE (THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR EMBASSY TOKYO) STRONGLY URGE THE JAPANESE TO CONSIDER PROVIDING TEMPORARY REFUGE FOR THE VIETNAMESE.

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